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REPORT

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VEB Stahlwerk Pirna/Copitz**

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1. All of the gun barrels being produced by VEB Stahlwerk Pirna/Copitz are taken over by the Volkspolizei and transported to an unidentified location. At the final stage of processing, Volkspolizei officers come to the plant and observe the various work processes both day and night. 25X1
2. About 85 gun barrels per month are being produced. One month's production fills about three freight cars. 25X1
3. Since July 1955, the production program of VEB Stahlwerk Pirna/Copitz has been changed so that one month gun barrels are produced and the next month armor plate (Panzerplatten). The armor plate is 6 - 12 mm. thick and comes in sizes 180, 120, and 90 cm. square. The plates too are taken over by the Volkspolizei for shipment. 25X1

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